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The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, July 29, 2008, 4:00 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 3:39 p.m.
2. **Roll Call. Members Present:** Katherine Brennand, Ken Gorski, Martina Lorey, Michael Nash, Amy Parker, Anna Pilhoefer and Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson. **Members Absent:** Gregory Elliott and Floyd Johnson. **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Public Art Program Coordinator; Marisol Lopez, Public Art Program Specialist; Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant; Ivonne Jimenez, MCAD Interim Manager; and Patricia "Sabina" Muñoz.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Martina Lorey moved to approve the minutes for May 27, 2008, as stated; Ken Gorski seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
5. **Recommendation of Cielo Vista Library Design.** Artist Sabina Muñoz presented her design concept for review and consideration. General discussion about installation setup, materials used for sculpture and base, proper lighting for sculpture, title plaque, and surrounding landscaping options. Artist mentioned that she is actively working with architect and electrical engineer to implement all these features into this project. Katherine Brennand moved to approve the design concept as presented; Martina Lorey seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
6. **Recommendation of 1% of the Public Art funds for Glory Road Terminal.** Patricia Dalbin presented preliminary design concept by Artist Mike Mandel for review and consideration. Mentioned that artist is already involved in project between Sun Metro and UTEP, and 1% of public art funds are being requested for project improvement and expansion. Extensive discussion specifically about preliminary design concept and construction details. PAC decided not to commit public art funds at this time, since design concept is still in the preliminary stages. Chair tabled the item until next month to allow architectural plans and final design concept to be prepared for further review by PAC.
7. **Cleveland Square Finalists.** Patricia Dalbin presented artwork for the three finalists that will be reviewed by Artist Selection Panel for this project; 1st Place: Bill & Mary Buchen, 2nd Place: Buster Simpson and 3rd Place: Brower Hatcher. The three design proposals will be reviewed and the final selection will be presented to PAC in a future meeting for consideration.
8. **Recommendation for Direct Selection/Artist Selection Panel (ASP) for I-10 Project.** Patricia Dalbin presented the option of directly selecting Artist Carolyn Braaksma or creating ASP for this project. Previous works by proposed artist and proposed ASP were provided for review and consideration. General discussion about specific credentials for freeway work and working with TXDOT. Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson moved to create ASP and to place a national call for additional artists familiar with freeway work; Katherine Brennand seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
9. **Recommendation of Artist for Westside Terminal Sun Metro Project.** Patricia Dalbin proposed that Artist Garry Price be recommended for this project. Mentioned that artist is currently involved in Mission Trail Terminal project, tying the two projects together. Discussion about design concept and contract terms to include workshops for local architects. Ken Gorski moved to approve the selection of Artist Garry Price; Michael Nash seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
10. **New/Old Business.**
 - Amy Parker mentioned that Mitsu Overstreet sent thank you notes after his mural unveiling.
 - Katherine Brennand mentioned that conversations have been initiated with owner of backdrop for Alberta Way mural about minimizing signage to enhance public art piece.

- Katherine Brennand proposed giving Lisa Degliantoni a contact list of people interested in the arts to tap into her "Charlando Con La Gringa" show.
- Patricia Dalbin provided a summary budget overview of public art funds allocated for all ongoing projects. Mentioned that a proposed Public Art Plan for FY09 will be developed and presented for recommendation to City Council in the near future.
- Patricia Dalbin mentioned that planning for the unveiling of Men of Company E project is underway. Congressman Silvestre Reyes will be invited to attend. Invite forthcoming.
- Katherine Brennand suggested looking into a project involving children's art for the FY09 Public Art Plan. Patricia Dalbin mentioned that Public Art Ordinance allows for direct purchase of artwork under acquisitions. More discussion needed, will keep on the radar.

11. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant